# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 7 901 NORTH FIFTH STREET KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

# BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE MATTER OF

MORAN BEEF, INC.,

Respondent

Docket No. CWA-07-2010-0080

RESPONDENT'S INITIAL PREHEARING EXCHANGE

COMES NOW the Respondent, Moran Beef, Inc., by and through its attorney, Eldon L. McAfee, and for its Initial Prehearing Exchange:

- 1. a. Witnesses Respondent intends to call:
- (1) Gerald T. Hentges, P.G., Senior Hydrologist, Terracon Companies, Inc. See attached curriculum vitae. Mr. Hentges will testify in reply to the testimony of Complainant's witnesses, including regarding whether any discharge from the Moran Beef, Inc. feedlot during the applicable time period to a water of the United States in violation of the Clean Water Act has occurred, whether Moran Beef, Inc. was required to obtain an NPDES permit, the applicability of EPA's evidence of a discharge beyond the specific day or days the evidence was obtained, and any allegations by EPA that Moran Beef, Inc.'s feedlot has had an adverse effect on water quality and aquatic life. See Mr. Hentges' report attached to this Initial Prehearing Exchange.
- (2) Joseph M. Turner, Turner's Ag Consulting. See attached resume.

  Mr. Turner will testify in reply to the testimony of Complainant's witnesses, including

regarding whether any discharge from the Moran Beef, Inc. feedlot during the applicable time period to a water of the United States in violation of the Clean Water Act has occurred and whether Moran Beef, Inc. was required to obtain an NPDES permit,

- (3) Frank Moran. Mr. Moran is expected to testify regarding Moran Beef, Inc.'s answers and Defenses to Proposed Civil Penalty in Moran Beef, Inc.'s Answer and Request for Hearing and in reply to the testimony of Complainant's witnesses, including regarding whether any discharge from the Moran Beef, Inc. feedlot during the applicable time period to a water of the United States in violation of the Clean Water Act has occurred, whether Moran Beef, Inc. was required to obtain an NPDES permit, the applicability of EPA's evidence of a discharge beyond the specific day or days the evidence was obtained, and any allegations by EPA that Moran Beef, Inc.'s feedlot has had an adverse effect on water quality and aquatic life. Further, Mr. Moran is expected to testify about the lack of economic benefit he received by not building runoff control structures as alleged by EPA.
- (4) Gene Tinker, Iowa DNR. Mr. Tinker is expected to testify as to the Iowa DNR regulations and implementation of the Clean Water Act for feedlots such as Moran Beef, Inc.'s.
- (5) Alison Manz, Iowa DNR. Ms. Manz is expected to testify as to Moran Beef, Inc.'s compliance with the Clean Water Act as implemented by the Iowa DNR.
- (6) Trevor Urban, U.S. EPA. Mr. Urban may testify regarding his activities, actions and conclusions regarding EPA inspections of the Moran Beef, Inc. feedlot.

- (7) Joe Heafner, U.S. EPA. Mr. Heafner may testify regarding his activities, actions and conclusions regarding EPA inspections of the Moran Beef, Inc. feedlot.
- (8) Stephen Pollard, U.S. EPA. Mr. Pollard may testify regarding his activities, actions and conclusions regarding EPA inspections of the Moran Beef, Inc. feedlot.
- (9) Midwest Laboratories, Omaha, Nebraska staff. If the parties are unable to stipulate to the admissibility of sampling results produced by Respondent in this case, Respondent will call the Midwest Laboratories staff necessary to establish a proper chain of custody of the samples and to testify regarding the analyses performed on the samples.
- State University Professor, Ag and Biosystems Engineering. Mr. Melvin is the Respondent's engineer who prepared design plans for runoff controls for the Iowa DNR construction permit application and the NPDES permit. Mr. Melvin may testify as to whether any discharge from the Moran Beef, Inc. feedlot during the applicable time period to a water of the United States in violation of the Clean Water Act has occurred, whether Moran Beef, Inc. was required to obtain an NPDES permit, and Respondent's efforts obtain an Iowa DNR construction permit and NPDES permit.
- (11) Evan Vermeer, formerly with the Iowa Cattlemen's Association.

  Mr. Vermeer is expected to testify as to the implementation of the Clean Water Act for feedlots such as Moran Beef, Inc.'s.

Respondent reserves the right to call any fact witnesses named by Complainant.

b. Documents and exhibits Respondent intends to introduce into evidence:

Respondent's Exhibit 1: Photographs (R-1-A through R-1-O)

Respondent's Exhibit 2: Gerald Hentges Report

Respondent's Exhibit 3: Gerald Hentges CV

Respondent's Exhibit 4: Joseph Turner resume

Respondent's Exhibit 5: Section 308 Requests and Reply

Respondent's Exhibit 6: Turner email & EPA reply

Respondent's Exhibit 7: Turner email & EPA reply

Respondent's Exhibit 8: Turner sample results

Respondent's Exhibit 9: Turner sample results

Additional documents, including documents in reply or rebuttal, will be provided as a supplement to this Initial Prehearing Exchange as provided by the Prehearing Order and 40 C.F.R. §22.19.

- c. Respondent submits that the hearing in this case should be held in Des Moines, Iowa pursuant to §22.21(d) and §22.19(d). Respondent estimates that the time needed for its direct case will be 2 days.
- 2. All Factual Information Relevant to the Assessment of a Civil Penalty. See Respondent's Answer and Request for Hearing, Defenses to Proposed Civil Penalty. In addition, Respondent submits and will testify that it did not receive economic benefit in this case due to the nature of its feedlot and other costs it incurred. Respondent also submits that it has no prior history of environmental violations that warrant consideration

in the assessment of a civil penalty. Culpability factors are addressed in Respondent's Answer and Request for Hearing, Defenses to Proposed Civil Penalty.

- 3. This paragraph is not applicable to Respondent.
- 4. At this time, Respondent does not intend to take the position that it is unable to pay the proposed penalty or that the proposed penalty will have an adverse impact on the Respondent's ability to continue in business.
  - 5. This paragraph is not applicable to Respondent.

This Initial Prehearing Exchange will be supplemented, including submission of names of additional witnesses and/or submission of additional exhibits prior to hearing, upon timely notice to the Presiding Officer and to Complainant.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2010.

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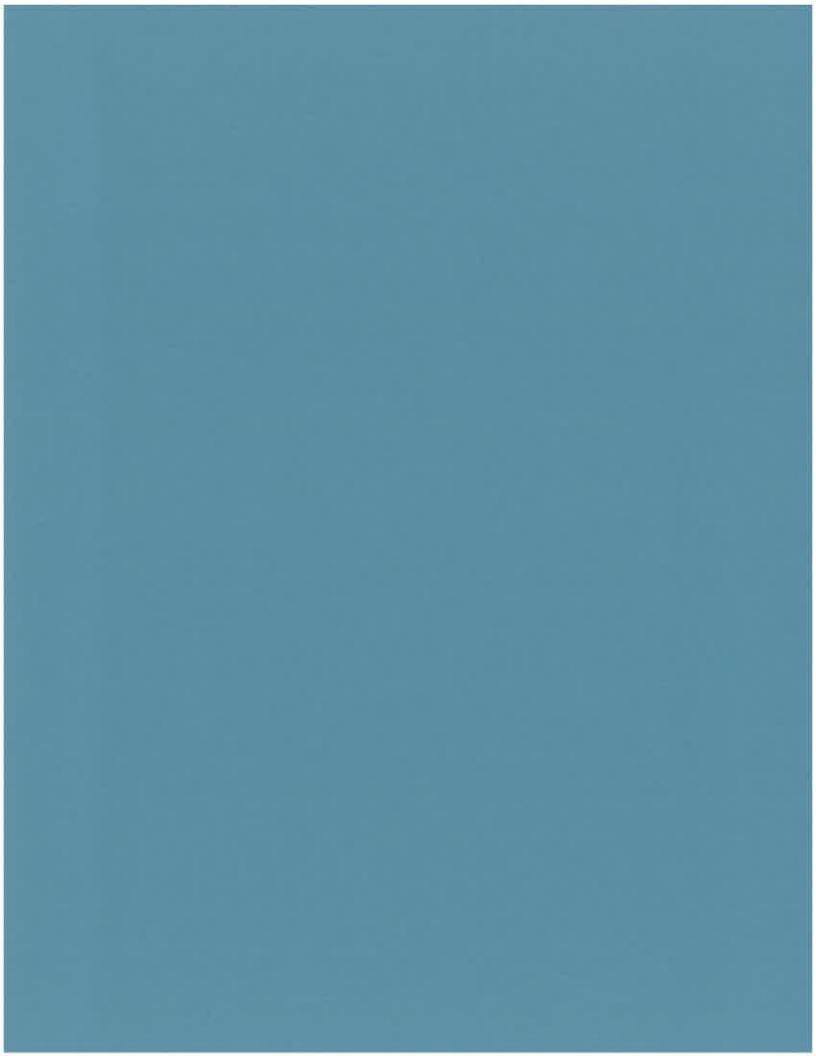
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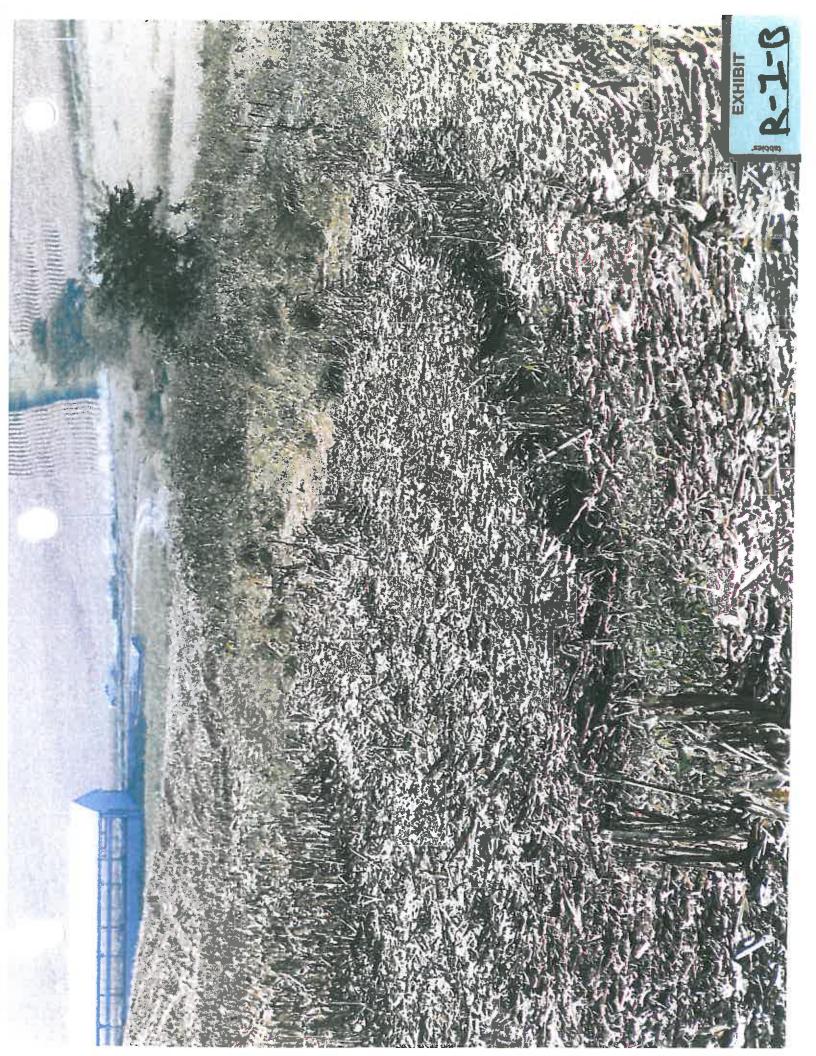
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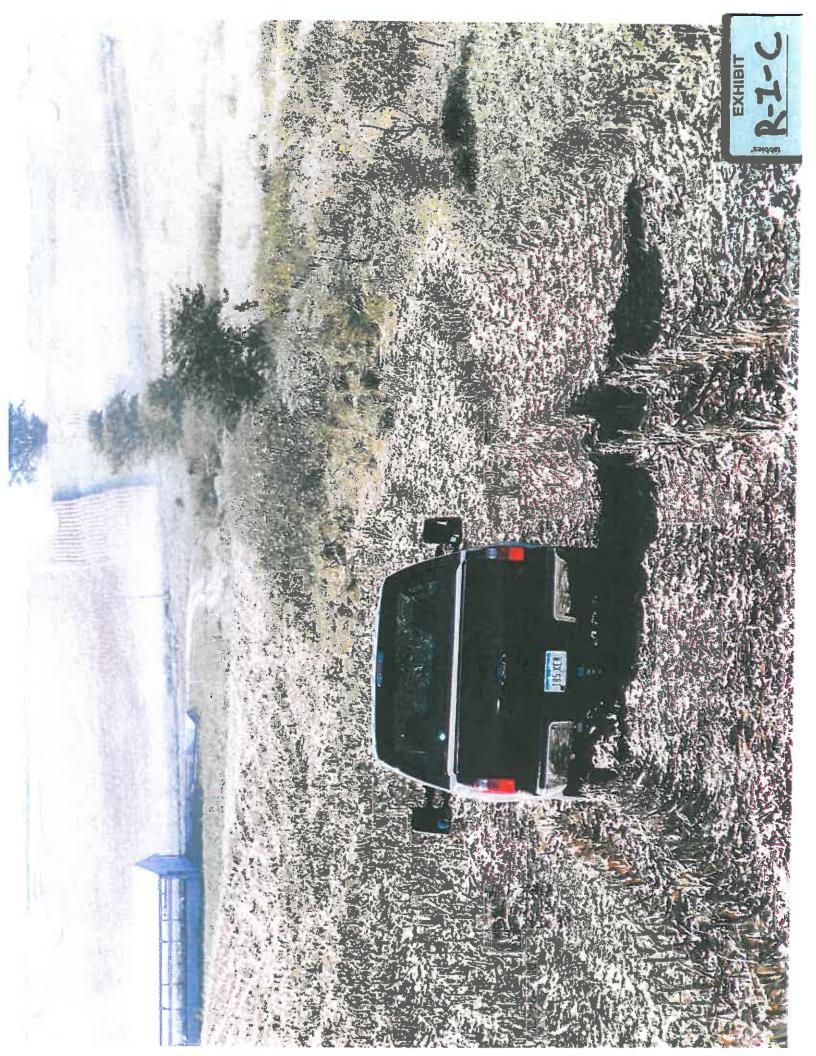
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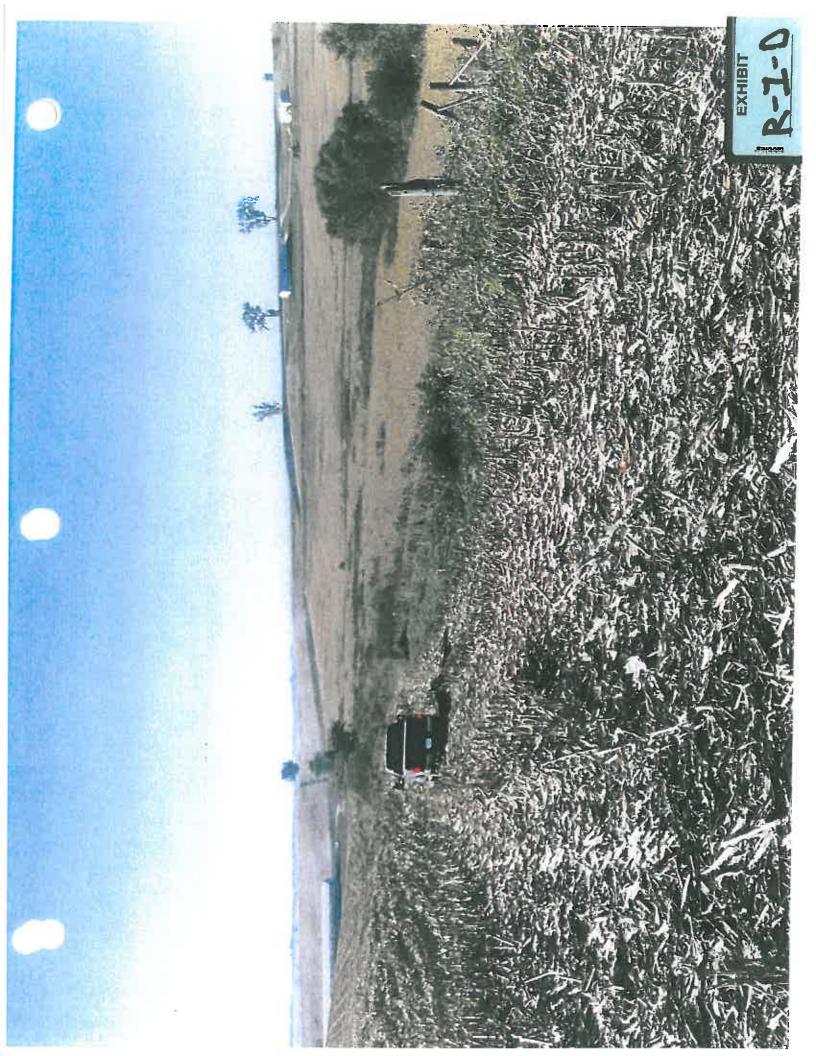
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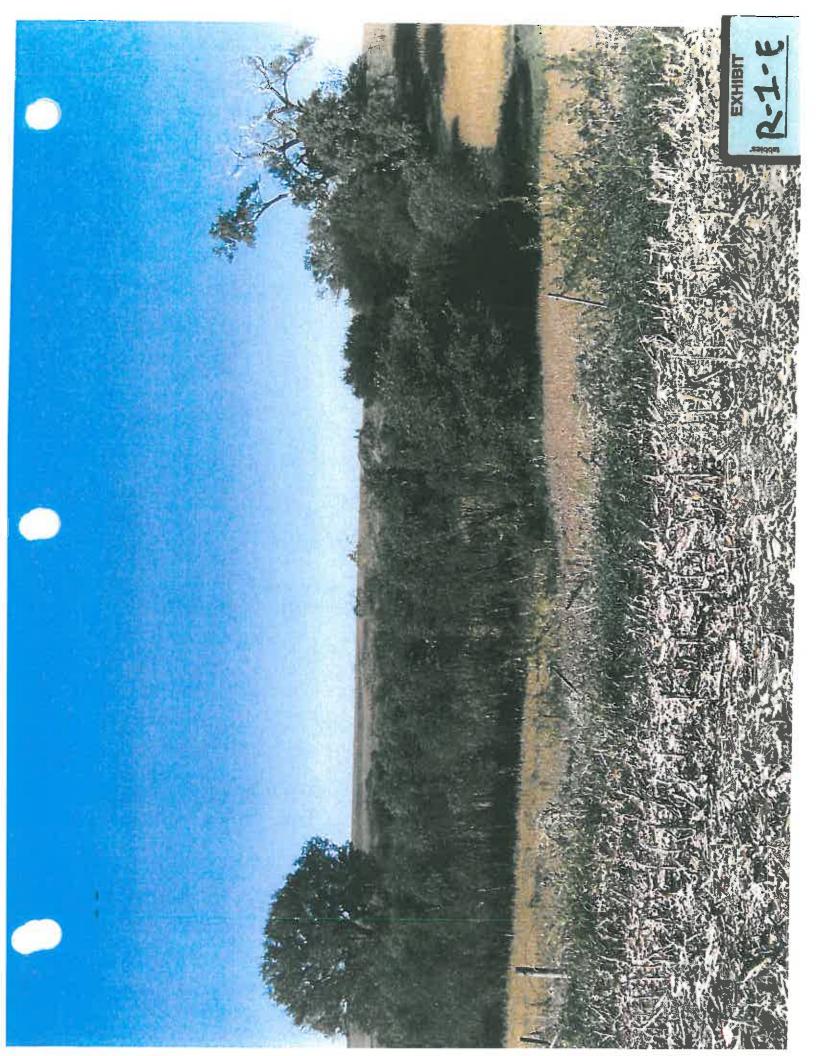


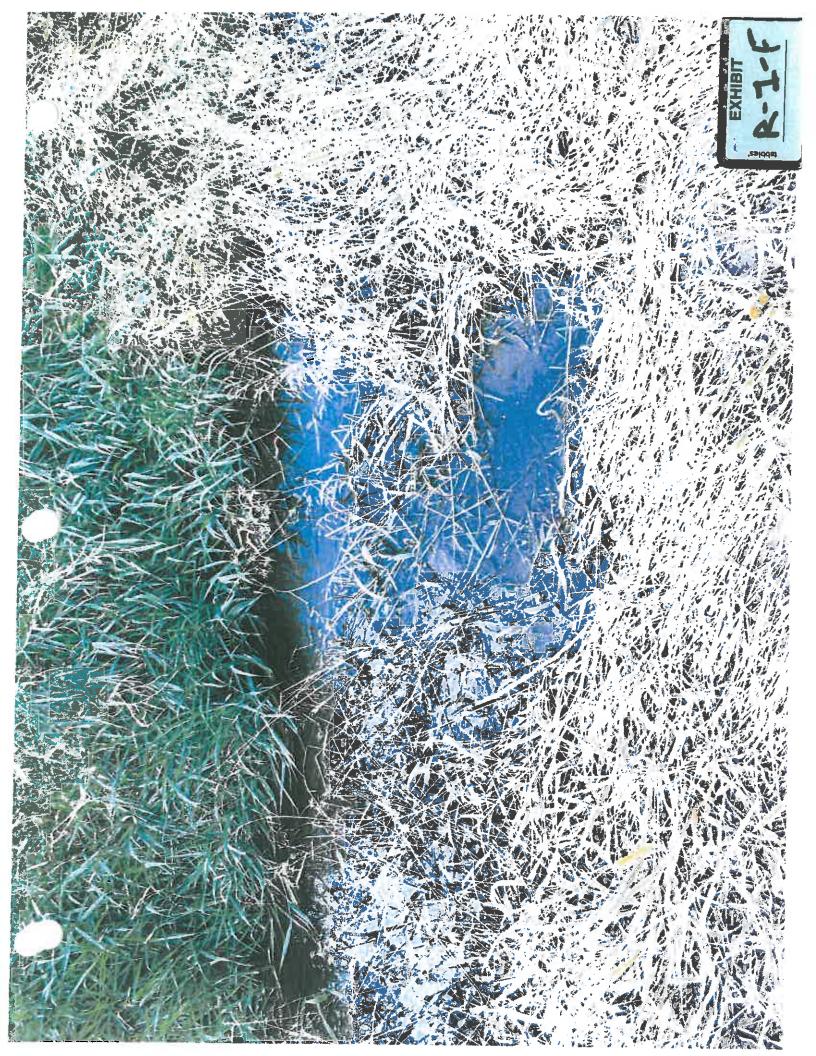




















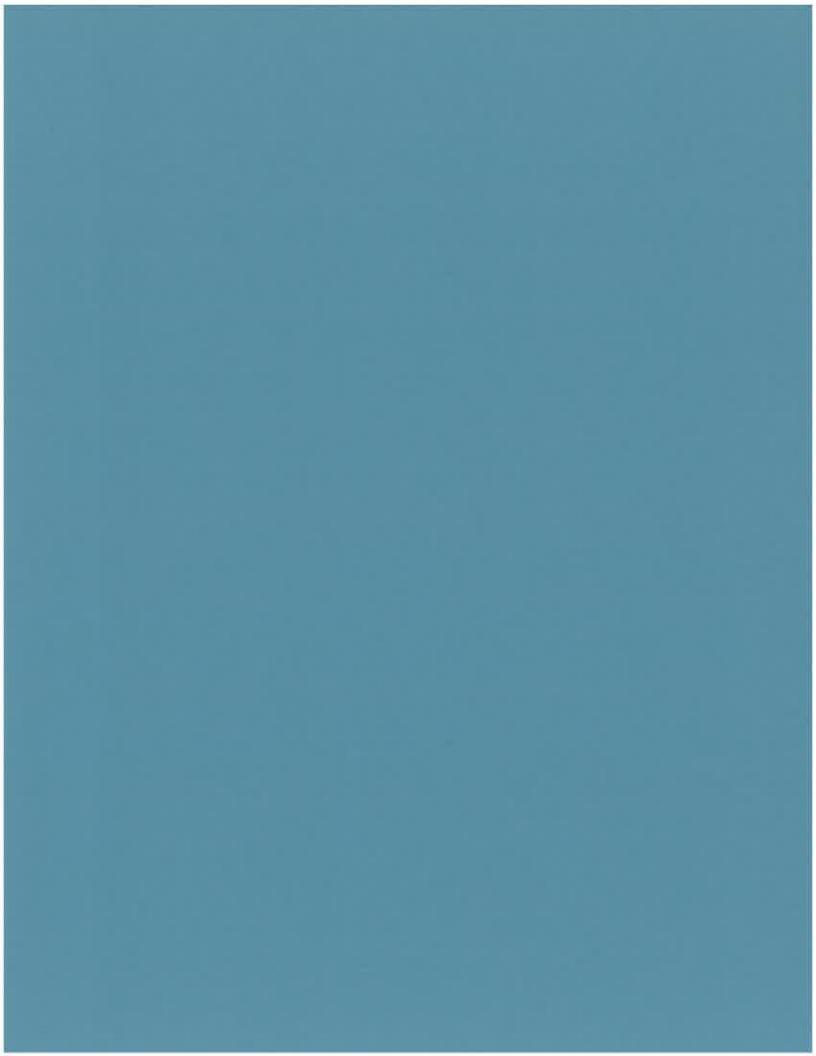












# USEPA, Region 7 vs. Moran Beef Inc. Pottawattamie County, Iowa

#### Introduction

I have reviewed the complainants' Finding of violation dated January 13, 2010. The complaint alleges that Moran Beef Inc. discharged pollutants to a water of the United States without an NPDES Permit. The complaint states that EPA inspectors observed inadequate runoff controls and evidence that feedlot runoff was discharging from the Moran facility to an unnamed tributary of Mosquito Creek. To determine the number of illegal discharge events the EPA obtained rainfall records in the area and assumed each time it rained a certain amount that the surface water runoff, sediment erosion and nutrient movement from the Moran facility flowed to an unnamed tributary of Mosquito Creek.

The evidence obtained during the inspections is based on photographs of the facility and surface water sample results. The areas described as discharge pathways of runoff from the feed lot settling basins appear to also collect drainage from larger areas of row cropped farm fields. Many inconsistencies appear in the photograph's that claim to show manure runoff from the feed lot.

The sampling results and the inspection observations obtained by the USEPA are generally inconclusive regarding the discharge of manure from the facility into waters of the US. The contention that a discharge occurred at the facility when rainfall exceeded a given amount is unsubstantiated.

## **USEPA Inspection Report June 4, 2009**

The inspection report indicates that visible spilled bedding and manure were present in uncontrolled areas as shown in Photograph Nos. 8, 9 and 10. The storage of clean cornstalks for use as bedding material are apparent in the photographs mentioned, however spilled bedding and manure are not apparent in photographs 8, 9, and 10. If indeed spilled, used bedding and manure were observed specific pictures should have been taken that clearly demonstrated the condition.

The report states no process waste water discharge was observed at the time of the inspection. The report then indicates process waste water was observed at a tile drain discharge point and that a process waste water flow pathway and dead vegetation for approximately 30 to 45 feet was also observed and documented in photographs 4, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The process waste water and process waste water flow pathway and dead vegetation are not apparent in Photographs Nos. 4, 11, 12, and 13. The material on the ground in

Photographs Nos. 11, 12 13 and 14 appears to be soil from the row crop area. Some dead vegetation is present in Photograph No. 14 but it appears to be weed stubble from the previous growing season.

The process waste water and process waste water flow pathway are not apparent in Photograph No. 15. Some dead vegetation is present in this photograph but it appears to be weed stubble from the previous growing season. The material on the ground in Photograph No. 15 appears to be sediment within the tributary to Mosquito Creek.

#### **USEPA Inspection Report October 30, 2009**

The inspection report indicates that feedlot pollutants including ammonia and phosphorous were discharging into the tributary and surface water samples were collected to confirm the discharge.

USEPA Inspection personnel collected 4 grab samples of surface water at the site. The samples were designated 101 through 104 and were collected at the following locations:

Sample 101 - Tributary upstream of tile line discharge

Sample 102 - Tile line discharge from water in the drainage way

Sample 103 - Tributary downstream of tile line discharge

Sample 104 - Tributary at the tile line discharge

The October 30, 2009 USEPA Inspection Report states that elevated concentrations in sample No. 102 of the following parameters indicate that a discharge from the site occurred:

- Residue, Non-filterable (Suspended solids)
- Phosphorus
- Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
- Ammonia

The laboratory results indicated that concentrations of the parameters listed above were elevated in sample No. 102. The physical appearance of the samples collected are shown in the photograph No. 7 in attachment 3 page 9 of 9 in the October 30, 2009 USEPA Inspection Report. The Sample Collection Field Sheets contained in Attachment 6 of in the October 30, 2009 USEPA Inspection Report indicate the relative clarity of the water collected. Based on the Sample Collection Field Sheets the water samples had the following clarity:

Sample No. 101 - Clear

Sample No. 102 - Dark Brown/Yellow Sample No. 103 - Opaque, Cloudy Sample No. 104 - Light Yellow/Brown

There are several discrepancies present in the reports and apparent in the photographs obtained during the inspections. It appears that the sample collected from the drainage way (sample No. 102) contained copious amounts of sediment (photograph No. 7 in attachment 3 page 9 of 9). Photographs Nos. 4, 5 and 6 in Attachment 3 of the October 30, 2009 USEPA Inspection Report show sediment and decaying vegetation that caused sample No 102 to have a Dark Brown/Yellow color.

The elevated parameters for sample No. 102 are likely to be from, decaying organic matter in weeds, crop stover (stalks and leaves), sediment and nutrients applied to the soil. The photographs, Sample Collection Field Sheets and chemical analysis indicate that the samples collected from the tributary had less deleterious matter entrained in the sample containers and therefore, lower the parameter concentrations.

The statement that process waste water was flowing from the solids settling structure is not substantiated with a photograph, when it appears it would have been easily documented in that manner. The October 30, 2009 USEPA Inspection Report indicates that Photographs Nos. 5 and 6 in Attachment 3 show the water discharging from the solids settling structure. However, this water is likely sheet flow from the row crop area discharging to the drainage way.

Non-filterable Residue (NFR) is a measure of the particulate matter that is suspended within a water column. Non-filterable Residue are solids in water that can be trapped by a filter. Non-filterable Residue can include a wide variety of material, such as sediment and decaying plant matter.

The compounds that are derived from the Phosphate mineral (P) are called Phosphorus. They have two forms Inorganic and Organic. Inorganic phosphorus is generally in the form of, Phosphate P the mineral, Ortho Phosphate  $PO_4$  which is oxygenated and Poly Phosphates such as  $PO_2O_2$  which is synthetic and made commercially for water treatment and cleaning in soaps and deodorizers

Organic phosphorus is generally in the form of, organo-proteins and organic phosphorus molecules from decaying organic matter.

In water, total phosphorus (P) is the sum of both the inorganic and organic phosphate compounds. To measure the organic level in waters you need to analyze total

phosphorus and subtract inorganic phosphorus to determine the amount present from organic sources.

Since inorganic phosphorus occurs naturally in soils, it is likely a portion of the amount present in sample No. 102 was impacted by the turbidity and the soil solids present in the sample collected from the shallow drainage way. Since organic phosphorus occurs naturally in decaying crop stover and weeds, it is likely that a portion of the amount present in sample No. 102 was impacted by the storm water runoff from the fields and vegetation in the drainage way.

Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) is the sum of organic nitrogen, ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), and ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) in the chemical analysis of water. To calculate Total Nitrogen (TN), the concentrations of nitrate-N and nitrite-N are determined and added to TKN. Since organic nitrogen occurs in soil and plants naturally, it is likely a portion of the amount present in sample No. 102 was impacted by the soil solids present in the sample and by decaying crop stover and weeds from the fields and vegetation in the drainage way.

Ammonia is a naturally-occurring compound that is an intermediate in the global nitrogen cycle. It is essential for many biological processes and is a central compound in all living organisms. Ammonia is the most abundant alkaline gas in the environment. Ammonia may be present in the environment from decaying organic matter and fertilizers applied to soils.

Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>) and nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>) are naturally occurring inorganic ions that are part of the nitrogen cycle. Microbial action in soil or water decomposes material containing organic nitrogen into ammonia, which is then oxidized to nitrite and nitrate. Contamination with nitrogen-containing fertilizers (e.g. potassium nitrate and ammonium nitrate), or animal or human organic wastes, can raise the concentration of nitrate in water. The low concentrations of Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>) and nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>) in sample No. 102 indicate the source of the parameters was likely not discharge from the solids settling basin.

# **USEPA Inspection Report September 23, 2010**

The inspection report indicated that approximately 1.14 inches of rain had occurred from September 21-23, 2010 with over half (0.64-inches) occurring on September 23, 2010. The inspection report indicates that leachate from a bedding storage area was flowing toward the tile inlet west of the confinement barn. The inspection report also indicates that the drainage tile inlet directly west of the confinement building was receiving runoff from areas around the barn including the bedding storage area. The inspection report indicates that about 12-inches of manure solids and feedstuffs were observed in the

tributary near the tile outlet. Surface water samples were collected to confirm the discharge.

USEPA Inspection personnel collected 4 grab samples of surface water at the site. The samples were designated 1 through 4 and were collected at the following locations:

Sample No. 1 - Leachate from a bedding storage area

Sample No. 2 - Tributary in the vicinity of the tile outlet

Sample No. 3 - Tributary downstream of tile outlet

Sample No. 4 - Tributary upstream of the tile out

The complete results of the sample analyses conducted were not provided with the September 23, 2010 USEPA Inspection Report. The laboratory results that were provided indicated that Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) was elevated in sample Nos. 1 and 2. The laboratory results that were provided also indicated that E. coli was elevated in sample Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

The presence of E. coli bacteria have been used to indicate the presence of recent fecal contamination. However, E. coli are present in the intestinal tract of warm-blooded birds and mammals. The bacteria E. coli bacteria have also been found in fish and turtles. Sand and soil also harbor E. coli bacteria and some strains of E. coli have become naturalized in the soil.

Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) is a measure of the oxygen used by microorganisms to decompose organic matter such as dead plants, leaves, grass clippings, manure, or food waste present in water.

The presence of E. coli bacteria and depleted oxygen in water draining from decomposing organic matter such as corn stalks stockpiled for use as future bedding is not unusual. The reported presence of manure and feed in the tributary prompted a visit to the site.

## October 1, 2010 Site Visit

I visited the site on October 1, 2010 with Moran Beef Inc. representatives and counsel. Photographs taken during the visit are attached and listed are R-1-A through R-1-E. The sites, pens, feed roadway, confinement, settling basins, terraces, drainage ways and the

tributary were observed to be in good order. After observing the facility and returning, the USEPA Inspection Report of September 23, 2010 was made available to Moran Beef Inc. representatives and their counsel.

## October 2, 2010 Site Visit

I re-visited the site on October 2, 2010 with Moran Beef Inc. representatives to evaluate the reported manure and feed in the tributary. Photographs taken during the visit are attached and listed are R-1-F through R-1-O. Mr. Frank Moran directed me to the location where the tile outlet discharges to the tributary. Photograph R-1-F shows the general vicinity of the tile outlet. Photograph R-1-F shows a slight convex depression in the eastern tributary bank that is in the vicinity of the tile outlet. Photograph R-1-G shows the sediment and corn present in the convex depression in the general vicinity of the tile outlet. The sediment material was dark, with a flake like consistency and approximately 3-inches thick. Cracked corn was present with the sediment. A sample of the sediment material (sample No. 1) was collected. A sample of the tributary bed sediment upstream from the tile outlet (sample No. 2) was also collected. Photographs R-1-H through R-1-K show the sediment samples.

Discussions with Mr. Moran regarding how cracked corn could enter the tile line inlet indicated that the over flow pipes in the watering basins inside the confinement building were connected to the tile drain system. Photographs R-1-L through R-1-N shows the watering basins and the overflow pipes. Mr. Moran indicated that the watering basins are fed by a slow trickle of water to provide fresh water and prevent freezing. The basins fill up to the top of the overflow pipe and the water flows into the pipe and drains to the tile outlet. Mr. Moran indicated when the watering basins are cleaned the overflow pipe is removed and the material in the bottom of the basins is rinsed down the drains to the tile outlet. An inspection of the watering basins indicates that cracked corn and cattle saliva build up on the base of the water basins over time. The feed and saliva buildup and the bacterial growth on the material are shown in Photograph Nos. R-1-M and R-1-N.

A sample of the material on the base of the watering basins was collected. A sample of the stockpile manure inside the confinement building was also collected. The material characterized as manure in the tributary appears to actually be bacterial growth on small amounts of cracked corn feed and cattle saliva.

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#### Discharge to Waters of U.S.

The Complaint's allegation that the facility discharged on at least 18 occasions between April 27, 2009 and September 23, 2010 is only quantified by conjecture and not based on documentation or sound science. The Complaint alleges that the facility discharged on October 30, 2009, September 23, 2010 and each time during this period when the rainfall amount in Underwood, lowa exceeded 1-inch. During the October 30, 2009 USEPA Inspection the 24-hour rainfall amount was 0.33 inches but discharge from the settling basins was not documented. During the September 23, 2010 USEPA Inspection the 24-hour rainfall amount was 0.64 inches but discharge from the settling basins was not documented.

The argument that discharge from the settling basins occurred at the site whenever the rainfall exceeded a given amount is flawed based on known hydrologic principals. The amount of runoff generated by a storm event is based on several factors in addition to the precipitation amount. These variables include air temperature, humidity, antecedent soil moisture conditions, rainfall intensity and rainfall duration. The most important factor is the volume of storage present in the solids settling basins before the precipitation event occurred. The settling structures are designed to hold the 25-year, 24-hour storm event which is approximately 5.3-inches in 24 hours.

#### Statement of Opinion

The standard of care in the environmental profession for documenting the source of impact to the environment is to sample the source, if possible. This provides a baseline for evaluating the subsequent impact to other media in the environment. No information was presented in the complaint that indicates the source (manure solids settling basins) was sampled. During several of the USEPA Inspections statements indicate that a discharge was occurring from the solids settling basins at the site. Yet photographic documentation was not obtained.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identifies sediment as the single most widespread pollutant affecting the beneficial uses of the Nation's rivers and streams (EPA, 1998). Heavy rains can pick up sand, silt, clay, and organic particles (such as crop residue, leaves and soil) from the land and carry it to a surface water drainage way.

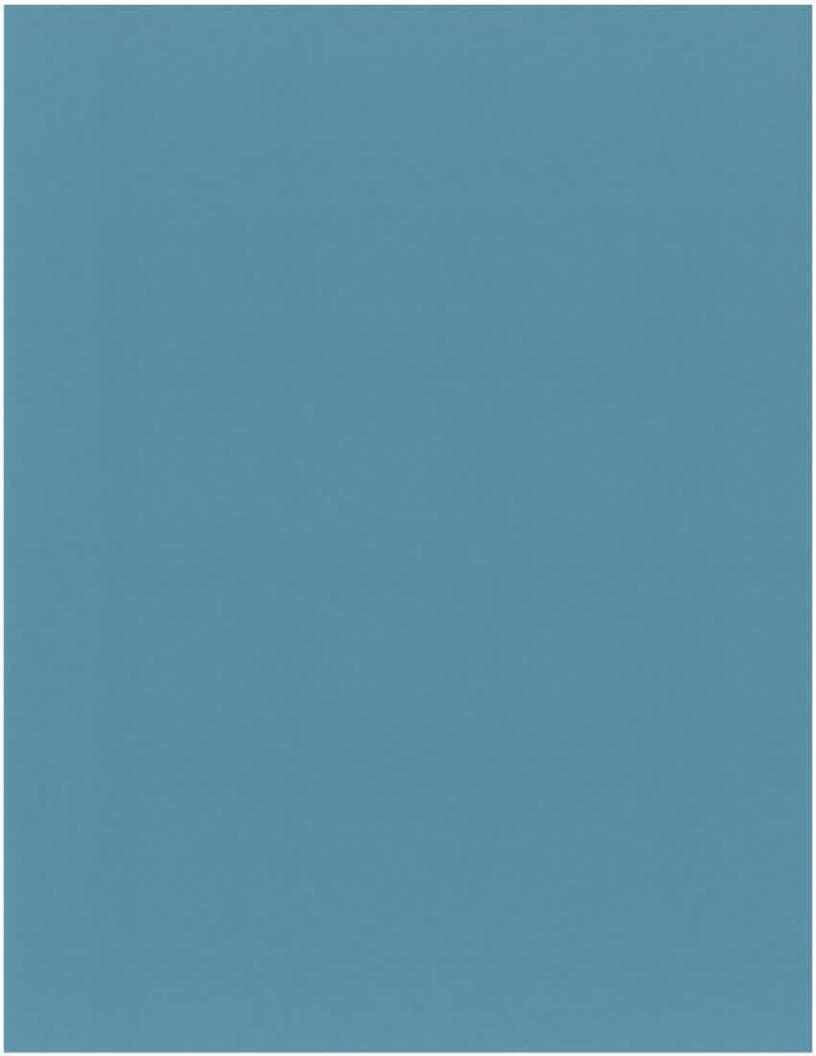
No information was presented in the complaint that indicates the elevated concentrations were not present due to various other natural materials observed at the site.

Findings in this report are based upon the site's current utilization, information derived from the most recent reconnaissance and from other activities described herein; such information is subject to change. Certain indicators of the presence of environmental conditions may have been latent, inaccessible, unobservable, or not present during the most recent reconnaissance and may subsequently become observable (such as after site renovation or development). No warranties, express or implied, are intended or made.

Sincerely,

Gerald T. Hentges, P.G., Senior Hydrogeologist

Terracon



# GERALD T. HENTGES. SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Hentges is a senior project manager in Terracon's Des Moines, Iowa, office. His duties include managing projects for water supply, wetland mitigation, sanitary landfills, agricultural facilities and hazardous waste facilities.

## PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Mr. Hentges has been involved with all aspects of solid waste operations from permit application through hydrogeological assessment to site closure. He is responsible for planning and conducting hydrogeological assessments at over 20 private and publicly owned solid waste facilities throughout lowa, and at 16 sites in Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He was involved with engineering design, expansion design, permit renewals, groundwater monitoring plans and has prepared closure and post-closure plans at many of the sites. Some of these sites include; Fayette County, Buchanan County, Hamilton County, North Dallas, Wright County, Montgomery County, Mills County, Polk County, Mahaska County, Story County, Madison County, ADM (Clinton, lowa) and Hamilton County sanitary landfills. Mr. Hentges has developed leachate control plans for several lowa sanitary landfills. These plans included chemical characterization, extraction system design, treatment and disposal. He has conducted long-term, site-specific field assessments to evaluate the extractable volume of leachate. Mr. Hentges is currently on the technical advisory and legislative rules committee for the lowa Society of Solid Waste Operations for the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA).

Mr. Hentges was the senior hydrologist on the Hughes/Phillips and Rempe Reclamation abandoned strip mine projects, where groundwater flow from underground mines contributed significant amounts of acid mine drainage to the receiving surface water streams. His work included geophysical studies to determine the sources of groundwater flows from underground mine works. He developed a reclamation plan to create a 50-acre wetland to reduce impacts on local streams from spoils and underground mines in the area. Mr. Hentges has conducted several flood plain delineation, erosion and sediment transport control studies by modeling runoff and peak flows for major streams and drainage ways.

Mr. Hentges is responsible for managing wetland delineation and mitigation projects. Mr. Hentges acts as primary coordinator for Terracon's statewide 404 Permitting for Wetland Delineation and Mitigation contract with the Iowa Department of Transportation. His wetland permitting experience has included large and small commercial developments and retail buildings, manufacturing and distribution facilities, roadway and bridge construction, residential developments, utility structures, solid wastes disposal facilities, and communication towers.

His expertise in geomorphology, geology and groundwater hydraulics and surface and groundwater modeling have led to effective programs for wetland management and design at many sites. Mr. Hentges' experience includes delineation and mitigation of wetland areas impacted by highway alignments, developments and recreational facilities. He has written several wetland enhancement, creation and mitigation plans.

# PROJECT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Mr. Hentges was the senior hydrogeologist responsible for evaluation and assessment for well field expansion and water quality at Boone, Sergeant Bluff, Greenfield, Logan, Carlisle, Carroll and the Wappello Rural Water Districts South Skunk River well field in lowa; and the Cities of Eden Prairie, Bloomington and Mankato, Minnesota. He has used a variety of geophysical methods to assess near surface sand and gravel deposits for water well field development and expansion.

He was the senior hydrogeologist for the two pesticide spill studies and there impact on public water supplies in Hospers, Iowa and Oxford Junction, Iowa. He conducted a study of the effects of logging and pulp mill effluent on the city well field in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Mr. Hentges has managed well field investigation projects including aquifer pumping test analyses to evaluate zone of influence, gradient control, and time of travel at over ten municipal and twenty industrial sites throughout Iowa and at ten municipal well fields in Minnesota and Wisconsin. He has written several well field management plans as well as preparing vulnerability assessments at many of the sites. Mr. Hentges recently completed a wellhead protection area study under contract with the USEPA for the City of Eldora, Iowa.

He conducted groundwater modeling of gradient control wells with a spray irrigation evaporation system. He has performed groundwater modeling as required using MODFLOW, MODPATH, MOC, Random Walk, Plasm, GWFL3D and GWTR3D simulation programs to model groundwater flow and contaminant transport during assessments and remedial well design and operations. He has designed and managed several remedial cleanup projects that included aquifer pumping test analyses to evaluate zone of influence, gradient control and contaminant transport. His efforts in surface and groundwater modeling have led to effective programs for long term monitoring and management of remedial design implementation.

He was the project manager for an assessment of impacted groundwater from buried gasometer/residues and light non-aqueous phase liquid impacts at two coal tar sites. Mr. Hentges subsequently provided geophysical assessment, remedial investigation and mitigation services to the Cities of Newton and Davenport, lowa during remedial activities at former manufactured gas plant sites. He represented the client in on-site observation/documentation of gasometer remedial activities, groundwater treatment design, evaluation and consultation relative to a removal action (RA) of the gasometer and cost estimation relative to negotiating joint technical and financial responsibility for the project.

Mr. Hentges has been the project manager for several industrial sites where he planned and implemented investigations, assessments and remedial designs including the Naval Ordinance Facility and Whitaker Solvent cleanups in Fridley, Minnesota; the John Deere Moline Plow Works in Rock Island, Illinois; the J.I. Case Plant in Burlington, Iowa; Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Parr Manufacturing and Gate Rubber Company in Des Moines, Iowa and several others.

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# PROJECT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Mr. Hentges has assisted several sanitary landfills and agricultural clients with local zoning approval and the technical submittals required by the regulatory agencies. He has successfully represented clients at several public meetings and informational hearings regarding permit issues, livestock facility siting and asphalt batch plant operations. He has performed expert witness services on ten litigation projects covering livestock facilities, landfills, chemical plants and water resource issues.

#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science, Hydrology, 1983, University of Arizona Post Graduate Work, Hydrology, 1984, University of Arizona

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

National Water Well Association Association of Groundwater Scientists and Engineers American Water Works Association Iowa Groundwater Association

#### **WORK HISTORY**

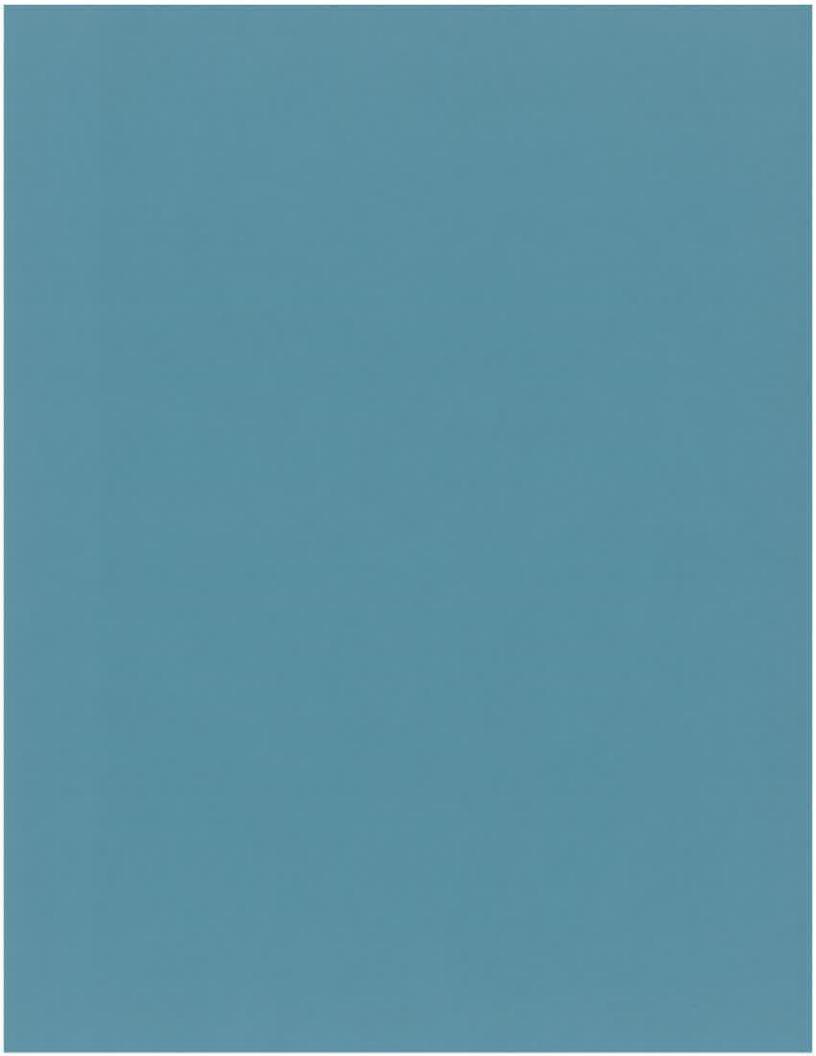
Terracon, Senior Project Manager, 1989-present James M. Montgomery Consulting Engineers, Inc., Project Hydrogeologist, 1983-1989 University of Arizona, Research Assistant, 1980-1983

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Hentges, Gerald T., F. Thies, T.S. Lemar, A Case History: The Use of an Uncovered Windrow Compost Facility as a Bioreactor for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Leachate (17th Annual International Madison Waste Conference, Municipal and Industrial Waste, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., Sept. 21-22, 1994).

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#### Turner's Ag Consulting Company, 2004 to present

Owner of Turner's Ag Consulting, Duties include: Crop Scouting, Soil sampling, GPS mapping, Manure Management, Nutrient Management, and Complete Consulting Service on a fee-based schedule, GPS, Yield Monitor, Precision Ag sales and service.

## Agronomist/Agriculture Sale, Underwood Farm Supply, 2001-Dec. 2003

Duties include: Nutrient Management, field sales of Fertilizer, Ag-Chemicals, Seed and Services. Field service calls on diagnostic problems and solutions, customer relations, creating and maintaining precision agriculture services.

Developing a precision based program to fit all growers, developed and maintained an excellent field-by-field programs for what seed, fertilizer, chemical, and services best fit the field and grower.

# Agronomist/Agriculture Chemical Manager, Farm Service Company, 1999-2001

Duties include, Nutrient Management, Inventory management of ag-chemicals, pricing and programs of ag-chemicals. Field service calls on herbicide injury, weed control, insect problems, diseases, and crop growth development problems. Sales of fertilizers, precision agriculture, seed, ag-chemicals, and custom services.

#### Crop Management Specialist, Farm Service Company, 1993-1999

Duties included: Nutrient Management, sales of precision agriculture, Fertilizers, ag-chemicals, seed, custom application, Pricing of ag-chemicals, setting up and managing intense crop scouting program. Yield monitor sales and service.

# Field Crop Scout, Farm Service Company, 1990-1993

Duties included monitoring corn and soybean acres on a weekly basis reporting the results both to the producer and to management.

#### Education

Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri 1991-1993, Agronomy/Ag-Business, Bachelor of Technology

Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs, Iowa 1989-1991, Agriculture Studies Associate Degree

#### Professional Associations/Training

Nebraska Certified Crop Production Advisor National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultant (Government Affairs Committee)

Iowa Independent Crop Consultant Association

West Pottawattamie Farm Bureau Vice-President

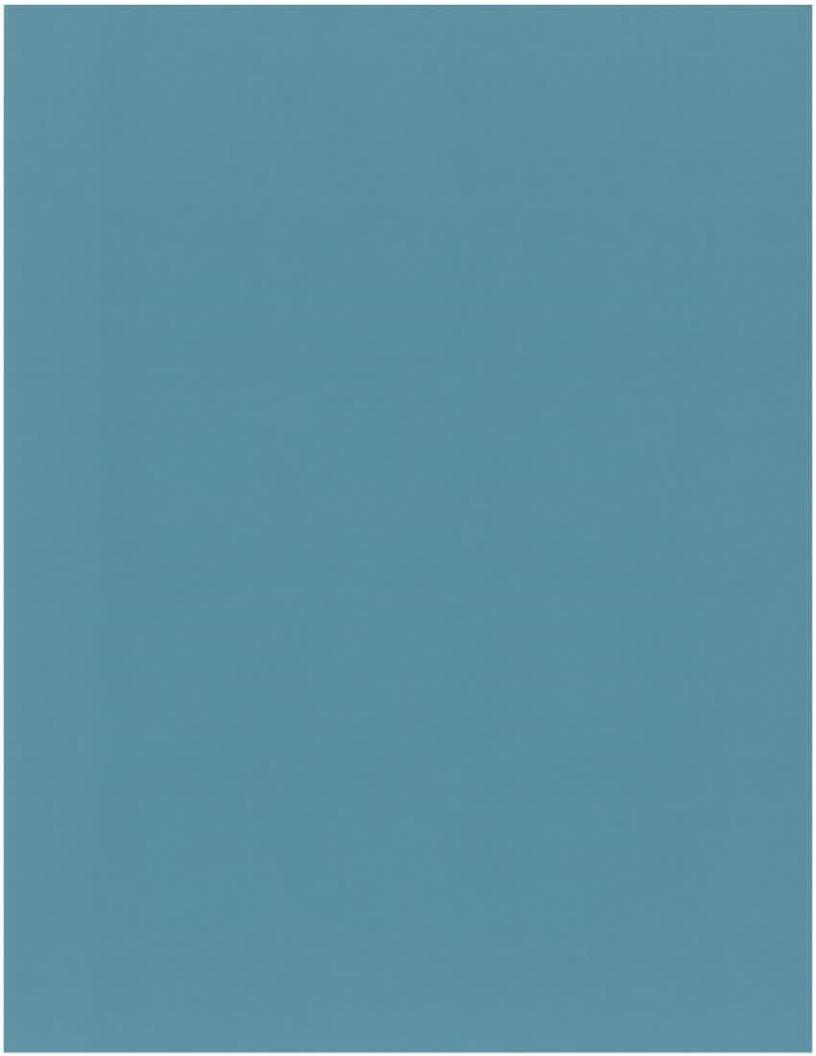
Iowa Corn and Soybean Initiative Member

Iowa Soybean Association

Iowa Corn Grower Association

Pottawattamie Cattleman's Association

NRCS Module 7 Training (includes Nutrient and Pest Management)





# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### REGION 7 901 NORTH 5TH STREET KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

# JUN 1 4 2010

# CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Frank Moran, Assistant Vice President Moran Beef, Incorporated 25794 Magnolia Road Underwood, Iowa 51576

Re: Clean Water Act Section 308 Information Request

Moran Beef, Inc., SE 1/4, Section 17, Township 76 North, Range 42 W

Pottawatomie County, Iowa

Dear Mr. Moran:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seeks your assistance in providing information regarding your compliance with the federal Clean Water Act (CWA).

In your "Answer and Request For Hearing," filed April 30, 2010, you indicated that "(a)ny pollutants that are in the samples collected (by EPA) are more likely than not to have come from the more than twenty acres of cornfield that drain to (the) discharge point." In order for pollutant discharges from land application areas to be allowed under the CWA's agricultural stormwater exemption, you must implement site-specific nutrient management practices to ensure that manure and process waste water are applied at agronomic rates. Discharges of pollutants to waters of the United States that result from your failure to do this are violations of the CWA. You have alleged that the high nutrient concentrations identified by EPA in the unnamed tributary to Mosquito Creek are from the cornfield. EPA asserts that the high nutrient concentrations either came from your production area or were the result of a failure to implement appropriate site-specific nutrient management practices.

In order to evaluate your nutrient management practices, EPA requests that you answer the questions and provide the information and/or documents requested in the enclosed Information Request. Section 308 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1318, authorizes EPA to request information from any person to determine compliance with the CWA. Moreover, 40 C.F.R. § 122.23(e) requires unpermitted large CAFOs, like yours, to maintain land application documentation and make such documentation available upon request. Pursuant to Section 308 and 40 C.F.R. § 122.23(e), EPA requests that you respond to this Information Request within 14 days of your receipt of this Request. Also, your response to this request must be accompanied by



the enclosed Statement of Certification. The certificate must be signed and dated by you and notarized by a certified notary public.

Please send your response and signed certificate to:

Stephen Pollard
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division
901 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

The information requested herein must be provided even though you may contend that it includes confidential business information or trade secrets. You may assert a confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information requested, pursuant to Section 308 of CWA and 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). A confidentiality claim requires certain steps on your part to justify such a claim. If EPA determines that submitted information is confidential business information, EPA will take steps to protect the confidential portions of the submitted information. Information covered by such claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent permitted by CWA Section 308. If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, then it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you.

Although EPA seeks your cooperation, compliance with this Information Request is required by law. Failure to provide all the information required or the making of any false material statements or representation in response to this letter, constitute violations of Section 308 of the CWA, and may result in an enforcement action and the imposition of civil and/or criminal penalties pursuant to Section 309 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Stephen Pollard at 913-551-7582.

Sincerely,

William A. Spratlin

Director

Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosures

cc:

Dan Stipe, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Field Office #4

## Information Request

- 1. Please provide a list of all land application fields utilized, in the last three years, for the land application of manure, litter, and/or process wastewater from the open feedlot portion of your facility. For each field, provide the following information and include any documents applicable to this information:
  - a. Field designation;
  - b. Legal description;
  - Total number of acres in the field and total number of acres available for land application;
  - d. All soil analyses/test results; and
  - e. A description of any commercial fertilizer applied in addition to manure, litter and/or process wastewater. Include the type of fertilizer, the date of its application, and rate at which it was applied.
- 2. Please provide a list of all land application events, in the last three years, of manure, litter and/or process wastewater from both the confinement and open feedlot operations at your facility. For each land application event, provide the following information:
  - a. Field designation;
  - b. Crop at time of land application;
  - c. Estimated and/or actual yields;
  - d. Application method;
  - e. Source (Confinement or Open Feedlots);
  - f. Type (liquid or solid) and quantity of manure, litter and/or process wastewater applied;
  - g. Date of land application event;
  - h. Land application rate; and
  - i. Total number of acres land applied to.

# Information Request

- 3. Please provide all analysis/test results, performed in the last three years, on manure, litter and/or process wastewater associated with both the confinement and open feedlot operations at your facility.
- 4. If any of manure, litter and/or process wastewater was transferred (sold or given away) in the last five years, please provide copies of the nutrient analyses provided to the recipient. Also provide the transfer date, recipient's name and address, and the amount transferred.

### STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine or imprisonment.

Signature	Date	
Printed Name	<del></del>	

# INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSES MORAN BEEF, INC.

#### Request No. 1

- A. Underwood 1a
- B. E1/2 of sec 17, 76N, 42W Pottawattamie Co.
- C. 180.38 acres
- D. See attached Midwest Lab Soil Analysis Reports, Sample ID's 1-26
- E. Anhydrous ammonia was applied to supplement the nitrogen in the fall of 2008, the spring of 2009, and 2010 at a rate of 100# per acre.

### Request No. 2

### Confinement

- A. Neola North
- B. Corn
- C. 225 bushel
- D. Broadcast
- E. Confinement
- F. Solid
- G. Feb. 8, 9, Mar 24 2008
- H. 22 ton
- I. 39 acres
- A. Neola West
- B. Corn
- C. 210 bushel
- D. Broadcast
- E. Confinement
- F. Solid
- G. Mar. 25, 26, 30, April 1, 2008
- H. 22 ton
- I. 95 acres
- A. Underwood 2
- B. Corn
- C. 225 bushel
- D. Broadcast
- E. Confinement
- F. Solid
- G. Oct. 30, Nov. 2, 3, 4, 2008
- H. 22 ton
- I. 138 acres
- A. Underwood 1
- B. Corn
- C. 200 bushel

- D. Broadcast
- E. Confinement
- F. Solid
- G. Nov. 14, 15, 2008
- H. 22 ton
- I. 42 acres
- A. Neola West
- B. Corn
- C. 190 bushel
- D. Broadcast
- E. Confinement
- F. Solid
- G. Mar. 25, 26, 27, 28, 2009
- H. 22 ton
- I. 84 acres
- A. Underwood 2
- B. Corn
- C. 225Bu
- D. Broadcast
- E. Confinement
- F. Solid
- G. April 3, 4, 2009
- H. 22 ton
- I. 27 acres
- A. Underwood 1
- B. Com
- C. 210 bu
- D. Broadcast
- E. Confinement
- F. Solid
- G. Oct. 26, 27, 2009
- H. 22 ton
- I. 60 acres
- A. Neola South
- B. Corn 190 bushel
- C. Broadcast
- D. Confinement
- E. Solid
- F. Mar. 15, 16, 2010
- G. 22 ton
- H. 45 acres

- A. Underwood 2
- B. Corn
- C. 210 bushel
- D. Broadcast
- E. Confinement
- F. Solid
- G. April 10, 11, 12, 13, 2010
- H. 22 ton
- I. 128 acres
- A. Underwood 1
- B. Corn
- C. 225 bushel
- D. Broadcast
- E. Confinement
- F. Solid
- G. April 17, 2010
- H. 22 ton
- I. 21 acres

# Request No. 2

# **Open Feedlot**

- A. Underwood 1A
- B. Corn
- C. 220 bu
- D. Broadcast
- E. Open feedlot
- F. Solid
- G. Oct 27, 28, 29, Nov. 2, 3, 2008
- H. 22 ton
- I. 108 acres
- A. Underwood 1A
- B. Com
- C. 220 bu
- D. Broadcast
- E. Open feedlot
- F. Solid
- G. April 7, 8, 2009
- H. 22 ton
- I. 43 acres
- A. Underwood 1A
- B. Corn
- C. 220 bu
- D. Broadcast
- E. Open feedlot
- F. Solid
- G. Nov. 19, 20, 21, 22, 2009
- H. 22 ton
- I. 82 acres
- A. Underwood 1A
- B. Com
- C. 220 bu
- D. Broadcast
- E. Open feedlot
- F. Solid
- G. April 1, 2, 3, 2010
- H. 22 ton
- I. 65 acres

- A. Underwood 1A
- B. Corn
- C. 220 bu
- D. Broadcast
- E. Open feedlot
  F. Solid (settling basin)
  G. April 18, 19, 2010
  H. 22 ton

- I. 15 acres

Request No. 3
See attached.

Request No. 4
Not applicable.

#### STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine or imprisonment.

Fronk Moran	Date 7-15-10
Frank Moran	
rinted Name	

Subscribed and sworn to me this  $15^{Th}$  day of  $10^{14}$ .

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MANURE
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RESULTS
RESPONSE TO
REQUEST NO. 3

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Report

08-087-5126

Number: Reported

to:

**TURNERS AG** CONSULTING CO

**PO BOX 301 NEOLA** 

IA, 51559-

Sample ID: 51

**Project** PO:



Date Reported:Mar 27, 2008

Date Received:Mar 25, 2008

Lab Number:

10008174

**Bio-Solids Analysis Report** VIEW YOUR SUBMITTAL FORM

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			Est. First Year
	Analysis	Nutrients	Availability
Parameters	as Received	lbs/ton	lbs/ton
Ammonium Nitrogen (N)	0.29 %	5.8	3
Organic Nitrogen (N)	0.92 %	18.4	6
Total Nitrogen (N)	1.21 %	24.2	9
Phosphorus (P205)	0.70 %	14.1	10
Potassium (K₂o)	0.63 %	12.6	. 11
Sulfur (s)	0.19 %	3.8	2
Calcium (Ca)	0.79 %	15.8	11
Magnesium (Mg)	0.19 %	3.7	3
Sodium (Na)	0.09 %	1.7	1
Copper (Cu)	19 ppm	0.04	0.03
Iron (Fe)	776 ppm	1.55	1.09
Manganese (Mn)	85 ppm	0.17	0.12
Zinc (zn)	92 ppm	0.18	0.13
Moisture	68.0 %		
Total Solids	32.0 %	640.0	
Total Salts		39.6	
рН	8.8		

# n.d. Non Detect

First year availability of nitrogen is calculated based on pre-plant application with incorporation. Nitrogen available from previous year's application not considered.

Total manure salts should not exceed 500 lbs/acre. Less than 500 lbs/acre if annual rainfall is less than 25 inches and/or the soil CEC is less than 12 meq/100g. Salt contributions from commercial fertilizer applications must also be considered.

Soil test yearly to monitor phosphorus levels, organic matter, pH, and micronutrients. Spring soil test for residual nitrate make accurate sidedress recommendations!

Nitrogen availability will vary with methods of application and field conditions. The nitrogen availability values used on a manure management plan must comply with state regulations. These regulations vary from state to state.

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Report

08-087-5096

Number: Reported

TURNERS AG CONSULTING CO

PO BOX 301

NEOLA

IA, 51559-

Sample ID: 100

MORAN BEEF

Date Reported:Mar 27, 2008

Date Received:Mar 25, 2008

Lab Number: 10008170

Project PO:

Bio-Solids Analysis Report VIEW YOUR SUBMITTAL FORM

			Est. First Year
	Analysis	Nutrients	Availability
Parameters	as Received	lbs/ton	lbs/ton
Ammonium Nitrogen (N)	<0.0 %	0.1	0
Organic Nitrogen (N)	1.11 %	22.1	8
Total Nitrogen (N)	1.11 %	22.2	8
Phosphorus (P2O5)	0.98 %	19.6	14
Potassium (κ₂ο)	0.81 %	16.3	15
Sulfur (s)	0.26 %	5.1	2
Calcium (Ca)	1.06 %	21.2	15
Magnesium (Mg)	0.29 %	5.9	4
Sodium (Na)	0.11 %	2.3	2
Copper (Cu)	22 ppm	0.04	0.03
Iron (Fe)	1840 ppm	3.68	2.58
Manganese (Mn)	167 ppm	0.33	0.23
Zinc (Zn)	131 ppm	0.26	0.18
Moisture	64.0 %		
Total Solids	36.0 %	720.0	
Total Salts		45.8	
рН	7.8		

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09-048-5425

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PO BOX 301

Sample ID: SAMPLE 1

**NEOLA** IA, 51559-



Date Reported: Feb 17, 2009

Date Received: Feb 13, 2009

MANURE ANALYSIS

Lab Number: 10019224

**Project** PO:

> **Bio-Solids Analysis Report** VIEW YOUR SUBMITTAL FORM

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			Est. First Year
	Analysis	Nutrients	Availability
Parameters	as Received	lbs/ton	lbs/ton
Ammonium Nitrogen (N)	0.09 %	1.8	1
Organic Nitrogen (N)	0.20 %	4.0	1
Total Nitrogen (N)	0.29 %	5.8	2
Phosphorus (P2O5)	0.64 %	12.8	9
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Sulfur (s)	0.11 %	2.2	1
Calcium (Ca)	2.26 %	45.2	32
Magnesium (Mg)	0.85 %	17.0	12
Sodium (Na)	0.04 %	0.7	0
Copper (Cu)	30 ppm	0.06	0.04
Iron (Fe)	11114 ppm	22.23	15.56
Manganese (Mn)	612 ppm	1.22	0.86
Zinc (za)	113 ppm	0.23	0.16
Moisture	41.0 %		
Total Solids	59.0 %	1180.0	
Total Salts		74.9	
pH	9.0		
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Report Number:

09-173-2199

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**TURNERS AG** 

to:

**CONSULTING CO PO BOX 301** 

**NEOLA** 

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**Project** PO:



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Lab Number: 1587799

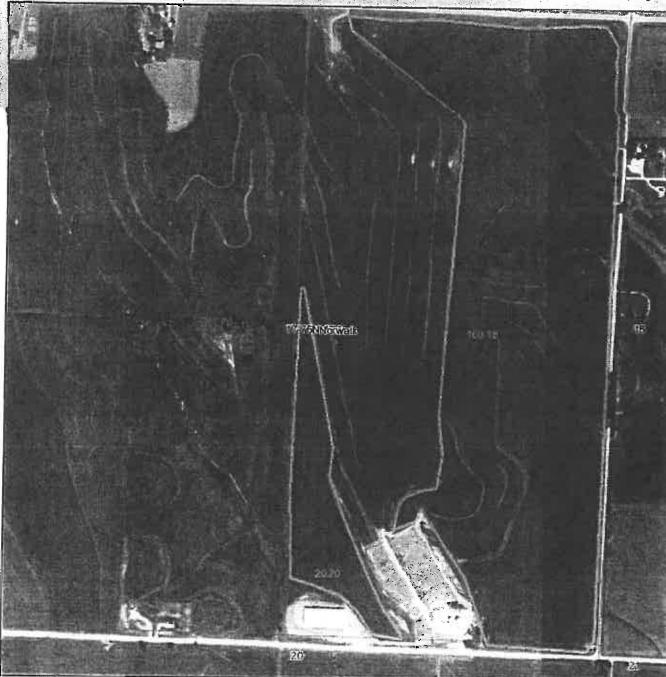
**Bio-Solids Analysis Report** VIEW YOUR SUBMITTAL FORM

	Analysis	Nutrients	Nutrients
Parameters	as Received	lbs/acre inch	lbs/1000gals
Ammonium Nitrogen (N)	56 ppm	12,6	0.47
Organic Nitrogen (N)	3 ppm	0.7	0.03
Total Nitrogen (N)	59 ppm	13.3	0.50
Phosphorus (P2O5)	80 ppm	17.9	0.7
Potassium (қ₂о)	569 ppm	128.3	4.8
Sulfur (s)	110.6 ppm	24.9	0.93
Calcium (ca)	82.6 ppm	18.6	0.70
Magnesium (Mg)	55.6 ppm	12.5	0.47
Sodium (Na)	124.7 ppm	28.1	1.05
Copper (Cu)	0.2 ppm	0.05	0.01
iron (Fe)	20.2 ppm	4.56	0.17
Manganese (Mn)	1.0 ppm	0.22	0.01
Zinc <sub>(Zn)</sub>	0.6 ppm	0.14	0.01
pН	6.7		
Conductance	2.87 mS/cm		

n.d.= Non Detected

Research suggest that when Lagoon Water is applied by irrigation, conductance values of 6 mS/cm or less should be safe for corn and soybeans at all growth stages; conductance values up to 12 mS/cm should be safe for soybeans and corn by late July. DOCUMENTS
APPICABLE TO
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# Aerial Map UM DEEWOOD 1A





Maps provided by:



()AgriData, Inc. 2010 www.AgriDatainc.com 17-76N-42W W Pottawattamie Iowa map center: 41° 22' 59.21, 95° 41' 52.06 scale: 9662



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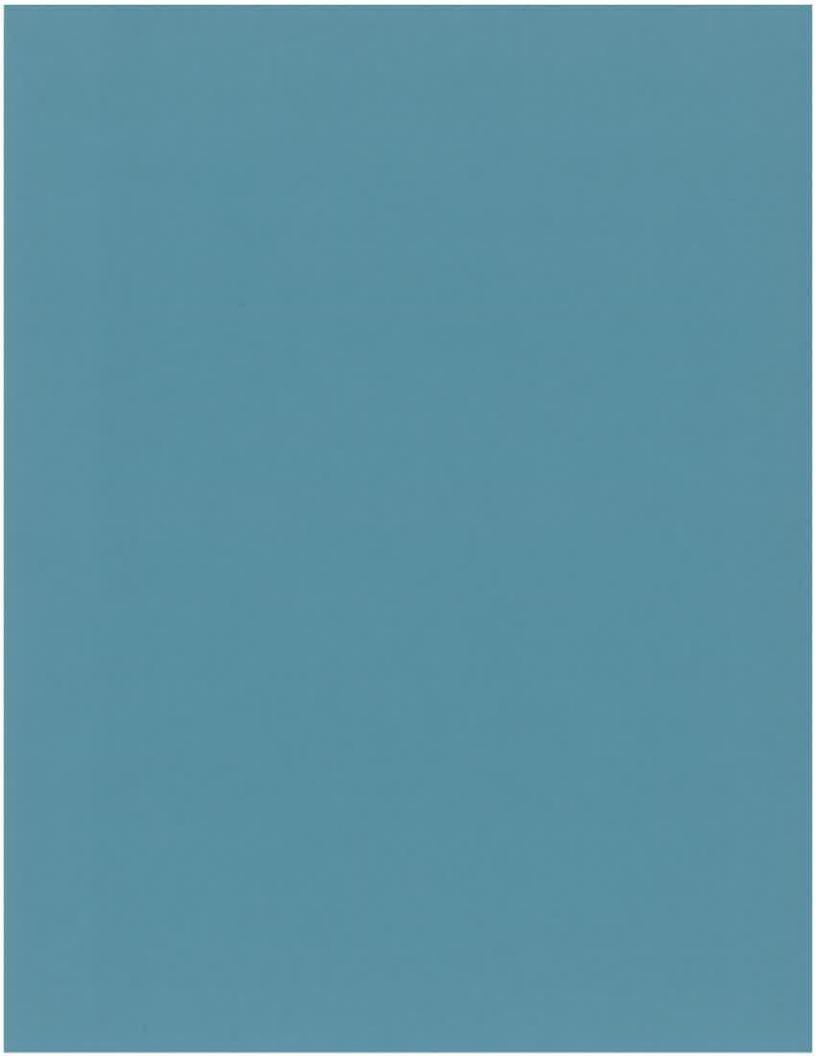
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I am inquiring about the epa rules in lowa, the situation is that I have a custumer with 990 head open feedlot and 1000 feet away (with crop in between it ) a 960 bedded confinment open barn, what is the requirments for that or where can I find out thank you

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From:

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Ta:

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Sent:

Thursday, April 30, 2009 9:13 AM

Subject:

Re: animal feeding operation Cattle question

"Two or more AFOs under common ownership ARE considered ONE operation if, among other things, they adjoin

- Facilities that are separated by a right-of-way or public road

- Facilities that use a common area or system for the disposal of wastes. For example operations with a common manure and wastewater storage and handling system in which the manure, litter, or process wastewater are commingled (e.g. stored in the same pond, lagoon, or pile or land applied on common fields)."

-Wa consider the entire footprint of an operation when determining of two or more AFOs are under common ownership. They do not have to be adjoined by the production area. If two AFOs are separated by 1,000 acres of crops, all under the same ownership, they are still considered one operation.

Additionally, in a Q&A supplement to the Permit Writer's Guidance these questions regarding specific scenarios were answered.

Question: Are two adjoining AFOs considered to be one facility or two? If two operations owned by the same person are separated by several miles of land not owned by this person, is the mere fact that the person spreads waste from both operations on the same ground enough for these facilities to be considered one operation? Answer: Under the regulations, two AFOs under common ownership are considered one operation for permitting purposes if they edjoin each other or use a common area or system for waste disposal. In the first example, the two adjoining AFOs are considered to be a single operation if they are under common ownership. In the second example, the two operations are also considered to be a single operation because they are under common ownership and use a common area for waste disposal.

Quastion: How are operations with multiple farms regulated? For example, someone owns and operates one farm that has three chicken houses and also operates a leased farm 10 miles away with another three chicken houses. Even though the farmer manages more than 125,000 chickens in total at any one time, neither of the two ferms houses more than 100,000 chickens. The two farms do not use a common manure handling system. Is this farmer operating a CAFO?

Answer: In the example, since the two farms do not adjoin each other and do not use a common area or system for waste disposal, the two operations would not be considered to be a single AFO for purposes of determining the number of animals. Therefore, as long as they do not use liquid manure handling systems, neither of the farms would meet the definition of a Large CAFO [40 CFR 122.23(b)].

Question: If a single farm has alx chicken houses with more than 125,000 birds and the houses are managed by two different people, is the farm considered a CAFO?

Answer: In this example, the chicken houses are part of a single operation and presumably use a common area or system for the disposal of wastes; therefore, the entire operation is a Large CAFO. The number of managers is not relevant.

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Monday, June 29, 2009 1:32 PM

Attach: Subject:

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Thank you for the information, I will pass it on to the compliance officers.

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Trevor <u>Urban/R7/USEPA/US@EPA</u>

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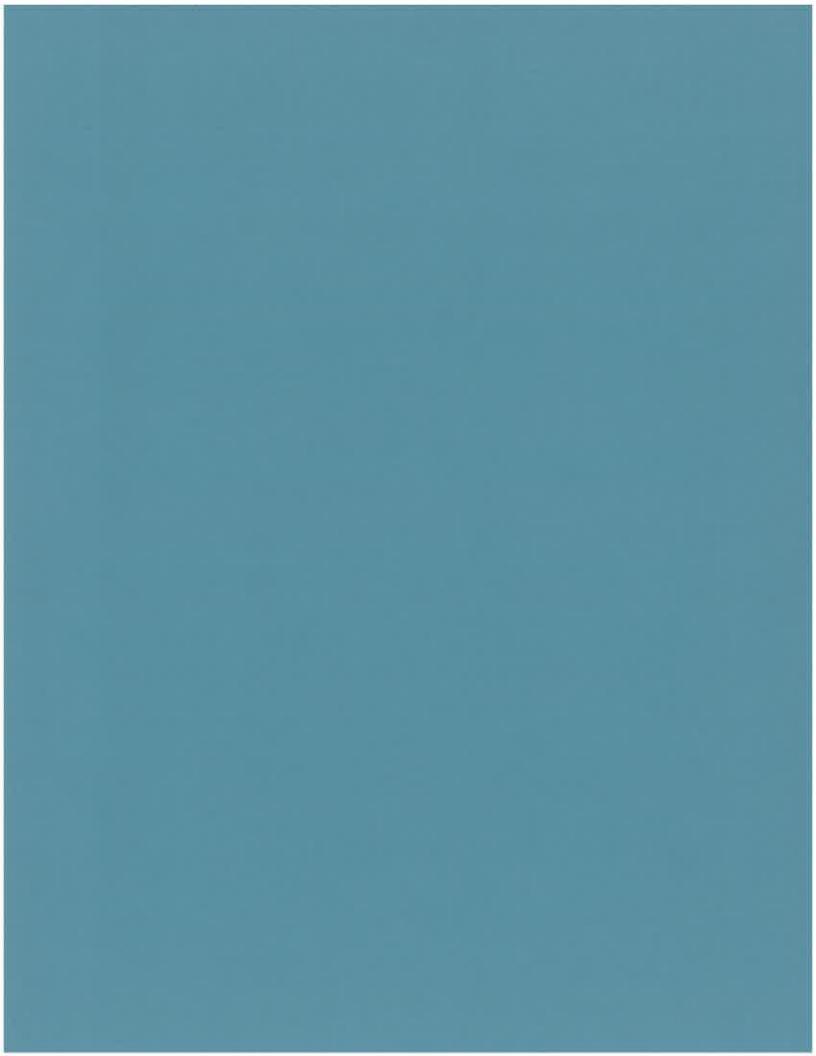
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Thank you

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To:

Trevor Urban

RCRA inspector EPA

From:

Moran Beef

Joe Turner, Turner's Ag Consulting

Subject: EPA Visit at Moran Beef (Site 64122 open lot and confinement feedlot)

At Moran Beef feeding operation in Norwalk Township, Pottawattamie county, The site was inspected by Trevor Urban of the EPA. Trevor had pointed out what should be done and that the site needed total containment on both liquid and solid according to CAFO Rules. Previously on or about April 24 the IDNR made a visit and also stated that according to laws passed Dec 31 2008 total containment needed to be completed to comply with IDNR rules. At this point and time Moran Beef are in the beginning stages of putting a plan together for methods that will comply with state and federal rules. Upon starting any construction or filing of papers, Moran Beef is awaiting the final report from the EPA (expected 45 days after visit). Prior to and since the visit methods have been in place and added to prevent any waters of the states being contaminated by discharge.

Previously on the west side of the feedlot the water is filtered through a 20-25 foot wide grass strip approximately 2700 feet and then released through the crop ground and has approximately 18-20 acres of crop to filter before it hits a culvert (1200 feet). On the east side of feedlot the water is filtered approximately 1250 feet through the grass strip and then down a grass strip about 1000 feet. The grass areas were recently mowed and hayed allowing for regrowth and more nutrient uptake into those areas.

A onetime one event sample was taken on the west side following a 2.25 inch rain event; samples of water flowing through the strips were taken at the beginning, middle, and end. Nitrogen reading was 37 ppm front, 12 ppm middle, and 3 toward the end. The samples were taken about 2 hours after the rain had stop, the water had not reached the end of the strip, and flowed through the crop. It was not observed it had ever reached the crop during this one event. Samples of water were caught by using a coffee can, the procedure was official but was used to give us idea of what was happening.

Results are pending at this time of sample of waters of the state taken at a different time (for our knowledge of the situation).

Also other methods put in place from Trevor's recommendations, grass was seeded around the confinement building, stalk residue cleaned up and piled.

Crop uptake of nutrients is also pending upon lab results of soil nutrient versus plant uptake.

2 other rainfall events have occurred since the visit no samples were taken, the water did not make it out of the filter strips.

At this time we feel we are doing what we can to prevent runoff into a water of the state. We are ready to go forward with total containment pending the EPA report.

If there is any other suggestion or ideas that can be implemented before we can complete the project we will be open to any all ideas.

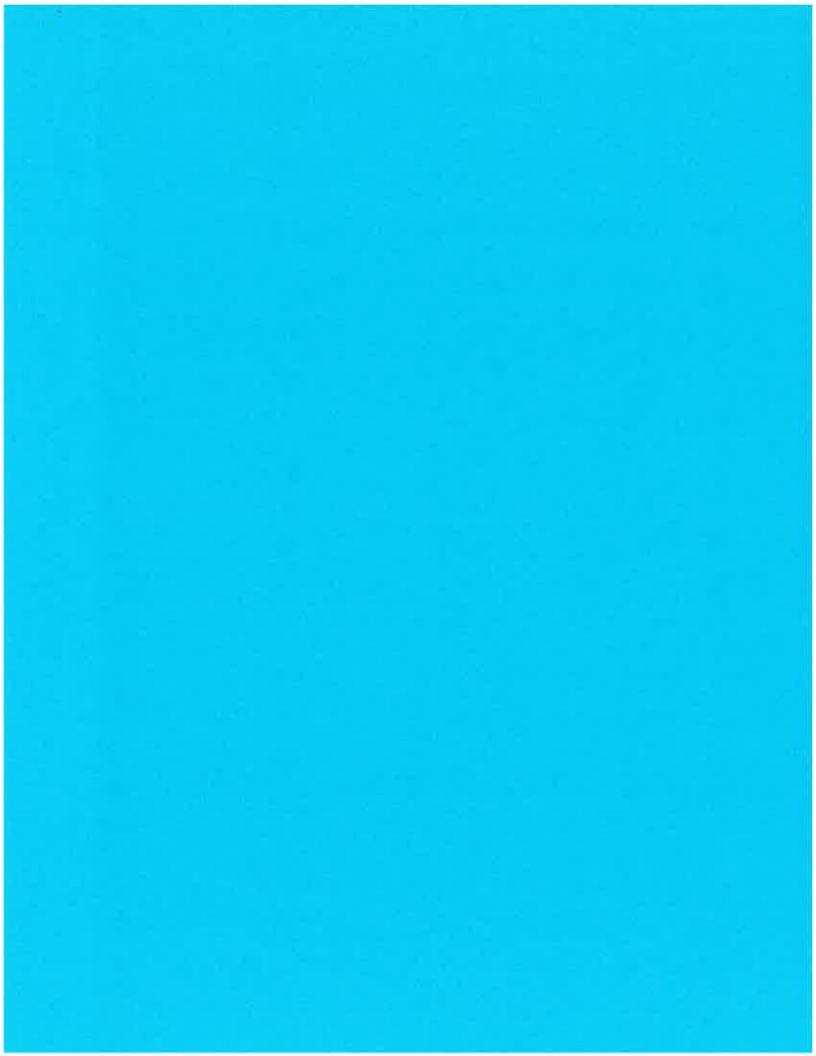
Thank you for your time

Moran Beef

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# Bio-Solids Analysis Report VIEW YOUR SUBMITTAL FORM

	Analysis	Nutrients	Nutrients
Parameters	as Received	lbs/acre inch	lbs/1000gals
Ammonium Nitrogen (N)	37 ppm	8.3	0.31
Organic Nitrogen (N)	89 ppm	20.1	0.75
Total Nitrogen (N)	126 ppm	28.4	1.06
Phosphorus (P2O6)	69 ppm	15.5	0.6
Potassium (к₂о)	397 ppm	89.6	3.4
Sulfur (s)	81.2 ppm	18.3	0.69
Calcium (ca)	139.8 ppm	31.5	1,18
Magneslum (Mg)	64.8 ppm	14.6	0.55
Sodium (Na)	97.2 ppm	21.9	0.82
Copper(Cu)	0.2 ppm	0.05	0.01
Iron (Fe)	41.3 ppm	9.31	0.35
Manganese (Mn)	3.1 ppm	0.70	0.03
Zinc (zn)	0.4 ppm	0.08	0.01
pН	6.8		<del></del>
Conductance	2.28 mS/cm		

n.d.= Non Detected

Research suggest that when Lagoon Water is applied by irrigation, conductance values of 6 mS/cm or less should be safe for corn and soybeans at all growth stages; conductance values up to 12 mS/cm should be safe for soybeans and corn by late July. Number:

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	Analysis	Nutrients	Nutrients
Parameters	as Received	lbs/acre inch	lbs/1000gals
Ammonium Nitrogen (N)	56 ppm	12.6	0.47
Organic Nitrogen (N)	3 ppm	0.7	0.03
Total Nitrogen (N)	59 ppm	13.3	0.50
Phosphorus (P2O5)	80 ppm	17.9	0.7
Potasslum (K <sub>2</sub> 0)	569 ppm	128.3	4.8
Sulfur (s)	110.6 ppm	24.9	0.93
Calclum (Ca)	82.6 ppm	18.6	0.70
Magnesium (Mg)	55.6 ppm	12.5	0.47
Sodium (Na)	124.7 ppm	28,1	1.05
Copper (Cu)	0.2 ppm	0.05	0.01
Iron (Fe)	20.2 ppm	4,56	0.17
Manganese (Mn)	1.0 ppm	0.22	0.01
Zinc (zn)	0.6 ppm	0.14	0.01
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Conductance	2.87 mS/cm		

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Parameters	as Received	lbs/acre inch	ibs/1000gals
Ammonium Nitrogen (N)	19 ppm	4.3	0.16
Organic Nitrogen (N)	4 ppm	0.9	0.03
Total Nitrogen (N)	23 ppm	5.2	0.19
Phosphorus (P2O5)	1 ppm	0.1	0.01
Potassium (к₂о)	5 ppm	1.2	0.01
Sulfur (s)	7.1 ppm	1.6	0.06
Calcium (ca)	101.2 ppm	22.8	0.86
Magnesium (Mp)	28.7 ppm	6.5	0.24
Sodium (Na)	17.9 ppm	4.0	0,15
Copper(cu)	n.d. ppm	0.00	0.01
iron (Fe)	0.2 ppm	0.05	0.01
Manganese (Mn)	0.2 ppm	0.05	0.01
Zinc (zn)	0.1 ppm	0.01	0.01
pH	7.6		
Conductance	.772 mS/cm		

n.d.= Non Detected

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	Analysis	Nutrients	Nutrients
Parameters	as Received	lbs/acre inch	lbs/1000gals
Ammonlum Nitrogen (N)	12 ppm	2.7	0.10
Organic Nitrogen (N)	2 ppm	0.5	0.02
Total Nitrogen (N)	14 ppm	3.2	0.12
Phosphorus (P2O5)	n.d. ppm	0.0	0.01
Potassium (κ₂ο)	3 ppm	0.7	0.01
Sulfur (s)	7.4 ppm	1.7	0.06
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Magnesium (Mg) .	29.4 ppm	6.6	0.25
Sodium (Na)	16.1 ppm	3.6	0.14
Copper (cu)	n.d. ppm	0.00	0.01
Iron (Fa)	0.1 ppm	0.02	0.01
Manganese (Mn)	n.d. ppm	0,00	0.01
Zinc (Zn)	n.d. ppm	0.00	0.01
pН	7.8		
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Date Sampled:





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ãs.		Nitrogen	9.0	mg/L	0.2	EPA 353.2	jjd8	10/04/10	jjd8	Oct 06, 2010	
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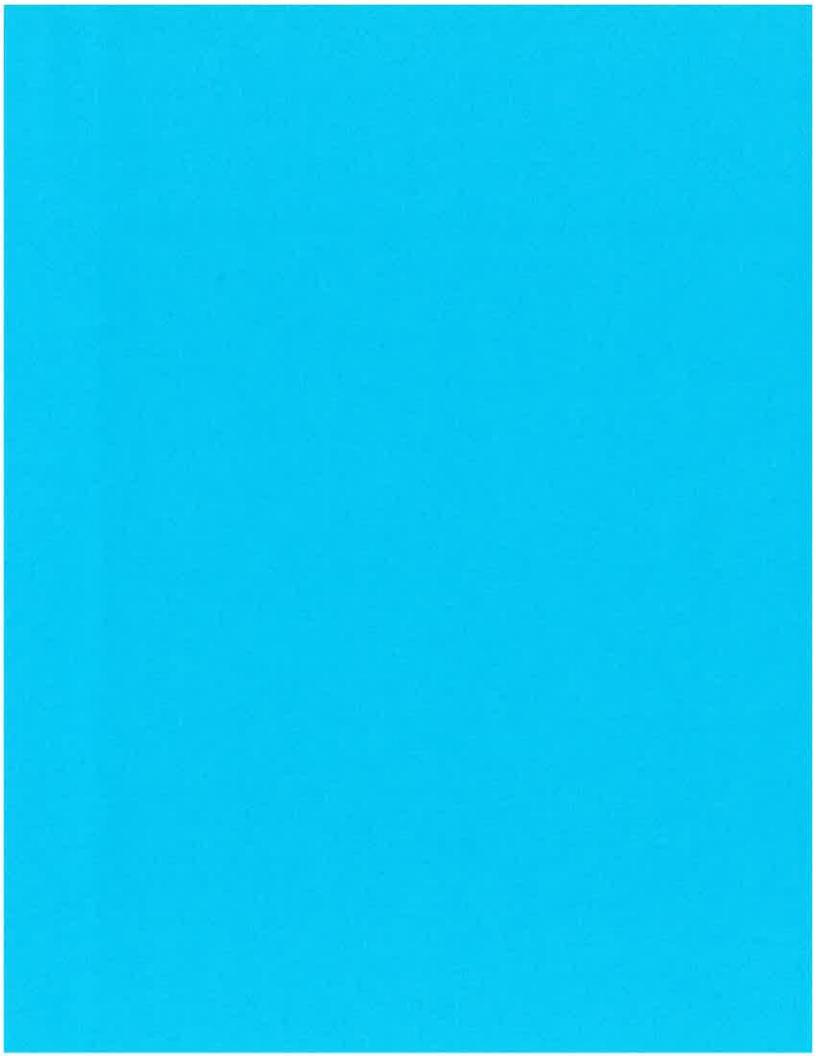
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**Lab Number** 1644463

Analyte Na ppm p	AL- MAG- UM NESIUM Da Mg/ PH pm ppm -	NITRATE NITROGEN NO <sub>1</sub> -N	SUL- FATE TIVITY SO <sub>4</sub> mmhos/cm	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOILDS (TDS) ppm	HARD- NESS grigation	IRC DLIFORM IPN/100 PP	Me	CHLO- RIDE CI ppm	Cu	LUO- RIDE F ppm
Level Found		n.d.				>200				
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Level Found		n:d.				>200				
Caution Level		10				1				

Notes: n.d. - Not Detected.

Comments
Coliforms were ran on 10-31-09 at 1300. arj0 2009-11-01 14:31:22

Report Number: 09-308-2027

Reported to:

Sample ID

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down Stream

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JOE TURNER **PO BOX 301** NEOLA IA 51559-

MORAN BEEF

Date Reported: Nov 04, 2009

Date Received: Oct 31,

2009

Date Sampled: Oct 30,

No

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# **DOMESTIC WATER ANALYSIS**

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Sample ID 3  Lab Number 16444	GOWNS THEA	<u>V</u>	iew QC	Exceeds F EPA L Limits	Problems ikely	Potential Problems	No Apparent Problems	Non- Detect
Analyte SODIUM CAL CIU Analyte Na CA CAL Ppm Ppi	M NESIUM NITROGE	SUL- CONDUC- N FATE TIVITY	TOTAL HAI DISSOLVED NE SOILDS Ppm gr/gz	AA UUUIFUK	200	IANGA- CHI NESE RIC Mn C	Cu Dom	F
Level Found	8.7	e traffe has his men'.	(4D9) ppm   2 2	>200	<u>&gt;1</u>   1	ppm pp	<b>m</b>	ppm
Level Found	8.7			>200		,		'
Caution Level	10			1				

Notes:

n.d. - Not Detected.